

# Our Security System Is In Chaos

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This took a long time to write, or rather to get started. Months! Some time ago, I began to feel that the security situation in the United States, that is, our capacity to maintain secrecy on matters about which our government has to keep

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other countries, meaning particularly our communist enemies, uninformed, that this situation was now at least as bad and possibly worse than during the time of Alger Hiss.

The long-winded, circuitous manner in which that first paragraph is written reflects my hesitancy in putting it down on paper. In plain English, what I am saying is that the red network has a pipeline into our government, and rather more than less knows what we are planning and doing, as was the case when Hiss was in the State Department.

My hesitancy is because one does not make such statements lightly. In my case, I had to think of my own background, what I knew from having seen and experienced it. Against this background, I had to appraise what I was now hearing and observing. Then I had to double-check with those I knew to be most knowledgeable and reliable. So finally, on this basis, I sat down to write this article.

The simple fact is that America's security has been deliberately and recklessly downgraded

ed, and chaos made of the security system.

## A PATTERN OF INSECURITY

Plenty of people know of specific examples, but so long as they can be kept as isolated instances, national security does not seem truly threatened. But when the pieces are brought together, and fit together, they form a mosaic, and we can see a picture of a chaotic state of affairs that practically guarantees the enemy access to our vital secrets, on policy matters certainly, and in our defense structure.

The main pieces are in the State Department part of the mosaic. Then we proceed to the sprawling agencies it controls, and thence to public and private institutions with which it has working or contractual agreements.

## CHAOS

The present chaos in State Department security spreads over an immensely larger area than could have been the case some years back, because never before has the State Department extended its influence, collaboration or control into so many phases of American government and society, domestically and abroad. Its vast informational mechanism is only one small portion of it. State Department liaison officers are attached to the Pentagon and other government departments, funneling top secret data and decisions back and forth. The network embraces enormous research groups called "think

factories" where costly policy papers are drawn up usually to justify what already has been decided upon, fabulously rich foundations, and the casual interlocking of staffers, consultants and delegates with such questionable enterprises as the Pugwash and Bilderberg conferences. A colossal security sieve is thus created.

## "FOR THE RECORD"

The damage could be reduced although not eliminated if a sincere effort were made to preserve security. The contrary is the case. The security section of the State Department has been made into a formality "for the record," and not to keep out those whom an average normal American would unhesitatingly regard as undesirable for Fabian socialist, pro-red, or other political motivations opposed to what the Congress and the public regard as policy, or for character defects such as homosexuality, that make these people vulnerable to the blandishments and blackmail of the enemy's psychological warfare machine.

## THE OTTO OTEPKA CASE SHOWS THIS IS A PLANNED DEAL

Conditions are as perilous as they were in the time of Hiss. Indeed, State Department pressure has been exerted to put Hiss back on the government payroll. Otto Otepka's refusal to be a part of such a conspiracy is one reason he was deprived of his security functions.

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